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SUMMARY. CCD HELD SECOND INFORMAL MEETING ON PROCEDURAL  
QUESTIONS ON MARCH 12, WITH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF LARGE  
NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS. CO-CHAIRMEN CIRCULATED PROPOSALS  
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CONCERNING ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND PREPARATION OF

REPORT FOR 1976. COMMITTEE ALSO DISCUSSED CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE, AND US PROPOSAL FOR COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF CCD PROCEDURES. END SUMMARY.

1. ORGANIZATION OF WORK. SCHLAICH (FRG) PROPOSED THAT CCD HOLD INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS DURING SUMMER SESSION AT DATES TO BE DETERMINED. MEETINGS, SCHLAICH SUGGESTED, COULD CONSIDER PROBLEMS OF DEFINITION, REVIEWING LAST YEAR'S CW WORKING PAPERS, AND OF VERIFICATION. OGISO (JAPAN) AND DIBERNARDO (ITALY) SUPPORTED PROPOSAL.

2. TAKING ACCOUNT OF FRG PROPOSAL AND NIGERIAN SUGGESTION OF PLENARY MEETINGS TO DISCUSS MID-TERM REVIEW OF DISARMAMENT DECADE (REFTEL), ROSHCHIN (USSR), ON BEHALF OF CO-CHAIRMEN, DISTRIBUTED PAPER CONTAINING PROPOSED DECISION ON ORGANIZATION OF WORK. PAPER MADE FOLLOWING MAJOR POINTS:

(A) COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER ALL SUBJECTS BEFORE IT, INCLUDING ITEMS REFERRED BY UNGA AND ISSUES RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AT PLENARY MEETINGS;

(B) IN ADDITION, COMMITTEE WILL HOLD INFORMAL MEETINGS ON DRAFT EMNMOD CONVENTION, MONDAY, APRIL 5; INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS ON NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7; INFORMAL MEETING WITH EXPERTS ON CTB, TUESDAY, APRIL 20; INFORMAL MEETING WITH EXPERTS ON CW AT DATE TO BE DETERMINED; SPECIAL PLENARY MEETINGS ON DISARMAMENT DECADE AT DATE TO BE DETERMINED, AND INFORMAL MEETINGS TO CARRY OUT COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF CCD PROCEDURES AT DATES TO BE DETERMINED;

(C) ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ON THESE OR OTHER SUBJECTS MAY BE HELD AT REQUEST OF ANY DELEGATION, AND

(D) CCD WILL CONCLUDE SPRING SESSION APRIL 23 AND BEGIN SUMMER SESSION JUNE 2.

3. NO FINAL DECISION ON THIS PROPOSED ORGANIZATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF WORK WAS MADE. BARTON (CANADA), WYZNER (POLAND), AND BERASATEGUI (ARGENTINA) REQUESTED THAT EFFORT BE MADE TO DETERMINE ENDING DATES OF INFORMAL MEETINGS AS WELL AS OPENING DATES.

4. CCD REPORT. MARTIN (US), ON BEHALF OF CO-CHAIRMEN, CIRCULATED SEPARATE PAPER FOR APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REQUESTING SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE FIRST

DRAFT OF COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1976, PROVIDING FACTUAL ACCOUNT OF COMMITTEE'S WORK, INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT PROPOSALS, SUGGESTIONS, AND ALL WORKING PAPERS, AS WELL AS INDEX OF STATEMENTS ON MAJOR ISSUES. FINAL VERSION OF REPORT, INCLUDING ANY CONSENSUS AGREEMENT REACHED ON ANY ASPECT OF CCD'S WORK, WOULD BE ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE WITH CONCURRENCE OF ALL MEMBERS AND FORWARDED TO SYG. PAPER NOTED THAT THIS DECISION WOULD BE FOR 1976 REPORT, WITH METHOD OF PREPARATION AND FORMAT OF SUBSEQUENT REPORTS TO BE DETERMINED IN CONTEXT OF OVERALL REVIEW OF CCD PROCEDURES.

5. ALTHOUGH ALL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE APPEAR TO AGREE ON GIVING DRAFTING RESPONSIBILITY TO SECRETARIAT, NO FINAL DECISION ON CO-CHAIRMEN'S PROPOSAL WAS MADE. HERDER (GDR) SAID THAT CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD CONTINUE TO SIGN AND TRANSMIT REPORT TO SYG ON BEHALF OF COMMITTEE. MISHRA (INDIA) SAID REPORT SHOULD BE NEITHER VOLUMINOUS NOR BARE BONES; IT SHOULD BE ORGANIZED ACCORDING TO 1968 PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND UNGA REQUESTS, WITH SUMMARIES OF INDIVIDUAL OR "REPRESENTATIVE" STATEMENTS AND "ANALYSIS" IN FORM OF EVALUATIONS AND JUDGMENTS OF INDIVIDUAL DELEGATIONS RATHER THAN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE EXTENSIVE CONSENSUS EVALUATIONS. REPORT SHOULD ALSO HAVE INDEX, BUT THIS WOULD BE USEFUL ONLY IF VERBATIM RECORD WERE READILY AVAILABLE IN NEW YORK. HYVARINEN (SYG'S SPECIAL REP) SAID HE WAS AWAITING INFORMATION FROM NEW YORK ON THIS QUESTION. OGISO SAID SECRETARIAT SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO MAKE ANY ANALYTIC CONCLUSIONS.

6. CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. HERDER, NIKOLOV (BULGARIA), WYZNER (POLAND), CLARK (NIGERIA), BARTON (CANADA), AND DIBERNARDO (ITALY) EXPRESSED VARYING DEGREES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF OPPOSITION TO ABOLITION OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. CLARK'S STATEMENT WAS PARTICULARLY NOTABLE. HE SAID CO-CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD BE ABOLISHED IF IT WAS REASON FOR CONTINUING ABSENCE OF FRANCE AND CHINA; HOWEVER, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES HE DID NOT SEE SIGNS OF CHANGE IN POSITIONS OF THOSE TWO COUNTRIES AND THUS COMMITTEE HAD NOTHING TO GAIN BY CHANGING EXISTING ARRANGEMENT. RETENTION OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, CLARK ADDED, COULD PLAY CENTRAL ROLE IN KEEPING US AND USSR ENGAGED IN MULTILATERAL CONSIDERATION OF ARMS CONTROL ISSUES IMPORTANT TO LARGE NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

7. MEXICAN SUBCOMMITTEE PROPOSAL. CAMPOS-ICARDO (MEXICO) REPLIED TO QUESTIONS THAT HAD BEEN POSED BY SEVERAL DELS, INCLUDING US, USSR, AND INDIA, ABOUT

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEE AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO PLENARY. HE SAID SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD PROVIDE STANDING BODY, WITH ROTATING CHAIRMAN AND INFORMAL RECORDS, TO CARRY OUT NEGOTIATIONS OF "PRECISE" AGREEMENTS AND GIVE GREATER IMPETUS TO COMMITTEE'S WORK. IT WOULD MEET ONLY WHEN THERE WAS SPECIFIC NEGOTIATING TEXT TO BE WORKED ON. CLARK AND MIHAJLOVIC (YUGOSLAVIA) SUPPORTED IDEA OF SUBCOMMITTEE. MISHRA STATED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD MEET ONLY TO NEGOTIATE SPECIFIC TEXTS; THAT INFORMAL SUMMARIES WOULD BE KEPT, WITH STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD MADE IN PLENARY MEETINGS; AND THAT INFORMAL MEETINGS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE HELD. ON THIS BASIS, HE SAID, INDIA COULD SUPPORT CREATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE. ON OTHER HAND, HERDER, NIKOLOV, WYZNER, BARTON, AND DIBERNARDO SAID SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD UNNECESSARILY COMPLICATE CCD'S OPERATIONS. BARTON SAID IDEA COULD BE EXPLORED FURTHER IN COURSE OF REVIEW OF CCD PROCEDURES, BUT SHOULD NOT BE ACTED UPON IN CONTEXT OF DECISIONS OF 1976 WORK PROGRAM.

8. CONPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF CCD PROCEDURES.

FARTASH (IRAN) EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT LENGTHY PROCEDURAL REVIEW WOULD DISTRACT COMMITTEE FROM SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, AND THOUGHT TWO OR THREE MEETINGS SHOULD SUFFICE. MARTIN REITERATED US VIEW THAT CAREFUL AND THOROUGH REVIEW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE MEETINGS INTO SUMMER SESSION, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF MANY SUGGESTIONS ALREADY MADE.

9. COMMITTEE DECIDED TO HOLD NEXT INFORMAL MEETING ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS ON FRIDAY, MARCH 19.DALE

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